# U.S. and the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS *ex rel*. ZAPPALA, LANNA AND WOJCIK

## REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES

**EXHIBIT E** 

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and THE	)
COMMONWEALTH OF	
MASSACHUSETTS, ex rel. STEPHEN M.	)
ZAPPALA, M.D., OLIVIA LANNA, M.D.	)
and ERIC WOJCIK,	)
Plaintiffs,	) CASE NO. 18-cv-12125-RGS
VS.	)
STEWARD HEALTH CARE SYSTEM,	)
LLC, et al.,	)
Defendants.	)
	)

### FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF REGINA D. POSERINA IN SUPPORT OF RELATORS' PETITION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES

- I, Regina D. Poserina, do declare and state as follows:
- 1. I file this supplemental declaration in support of the Petition of Relators Zappala,
  Lanna and Wojcik for an Award of Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Expenses under the False
  Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §3730(d)(1) and (2), and the parties' Settlement Agreement. This
  declaration is based on my own personal knowledge, and all opinions expressed herein are
  genuinely held, based on my knowledge and experience. If called as a witness, I would testify
  competently to the following matters.
- 2. The bulk of the work I performed in this case relates to the FCA statutory fees provision, found at 31 U.S.C. § 3730(d), and negotiations with Defendants as to Relators' right to statutory fees. I led Cohen Milstein's fees, costs, and expenses negotiations with Defendants, including preparing a confidential mediation memorandum and attending the mediation with Magistrate Judge M. Page Kelley. I prepared Relators' Petition for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Expenses, including the Reply Brief, and related documents. I reviewed and edited Relators' timesheets for clarity and billing judgment, and redacted, removed, and

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reduced time as necessary.

Attached to this Supplemental Declaration are true and correct timesheets for Cohen

Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, and Arrowood, LLP evidencing work performed from July 17,

2023, to September 27, 2023, related to the Relators' Petition for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and

Expenses, and the Reply Brief in support of the Petition.

Additional time records for work related to the Relators' Petition for Attorneys' Fees, 4.

Costs and Expenses and related documents reflecting time incurred after this date will be

submitted at a later date.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed September 27, 2023.

Regina D. Poserina
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	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin:	0.50	537.50	Australiance Review and revise declaration in support of motion for fees, costs and expenses
8/10/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	0.20	215.00	Attend telephone conference with court re- fee application and recusal
8/10/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	0.20	215.00	Telephone conference with S. Sousa re' strategy concerning recusal issue
8/10/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	0.80	860.00	Communications with RDP, SS and LA re: fee application and recusal strategy
8/10/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin:	0.40	430.00	Communications with S. Walters re-recusal issue and payment of costs and expenses.
8/11/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin:	0.50	537.50	Communications with relators' counsel team re-recusal of judge and reassignment of case to J. Stearns
8/14/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	0.30	322.50	Review Allergan fee order from C.D. Cal.; communication with RDP re; same
8/14/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	0.20	215.00	Review notice of filing of pro hac motions; communications with S. Sousa and RDP re's same
8/14/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	0.30	322.50	Communication with RDP recexpert fees
8/23/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	0.30	322.50	Conference with RDP re: strategy, petition, declarations and brief
8/24/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	2.90	3,117.50	Communications with RDP re: declaration; review and revise declaration
8/24/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	0.70	752.50	Communications with RDP re: petition; review and edit petition for statutory fees
8/24/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	3.50	3,762.50	Communications with RDP re: memorandum of law in support of petition for statutory fees; review and edit same
8/24/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	0.80	860.00	Conference with JAM re: her declaration and strategy
8/25/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	2.50	2,687.50	Conference with JAM re: her declaration; communications with RDP, L. Arrowood and S. Sousa re: memorandum of law
8/25/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	1.50	1,612.50	Review and propose revisions to declaration
8/25/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	2.50	2,687.50	Review revised petition, declarations and brief communications with JAM and RDP recisame
8/29/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Contact with Client	0.40	430.00	Communications with O. Lanna, L. Arrowood and S. Sousa re: relator's share question
8/29/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Contact with Client	0.50	537.50	Telephone conference with O. Lanna re-payment issues
8/29/2023 Azorsky, Gary, L.	31710 Steward Qui Contact with Counsel	0.50	537.50	Communications with L. Arrowood and R. Dacres re: O. Lanna distribution
7/20/2023 Doehne, George	31710 Steward Qui Pleadings & Briefs	0.40	140.00	Production of affidavits for motions for Pro Hac Vice for R. Poserina
8/24/2023 Doehne, George	31710 Steward Qui Pleadings & Briefs	0.10	35.00	Creating redline of relators' petition document versions for G. Azorsky
8/25/2023 Doehne, George	31710 Steward Qui Pleadings & Briefs	3.30	1,155.00	Editing and formatting declarations for J. Markey and G. Azorsky: communication with J. Markey, G. Azorsky, and R. Sarola re: same
8/25/2023 Doehne, George	31710 Steward Qui Pleadings & Briefs	1.70	595.00	Editing/formatting TOA in petition memo for R. Poserina, Zoom with R. Poserina re: same
8/0/2022 Markov Jacoba	31710 Steward Qui Contact with Counsel	0.30	322.50	Confer with co-counsel re: morning hearing
	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	0.50	537.50	Gather into for G.P. + fee dispute
	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	0.30	322.50	Provide into G.P. for fee dispute
	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	2.20	2,365.00	From Ends of the affidavit
	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	2.40	2,580.00	Revise and communicate with GA, GD + RS · JM affidavit supporting fees
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7/19/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	4.10	3,895.00 Document Review	work on new fee list, PHV motion (1.9)
7/20/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	6.40	6,080.00	emails re: PHV with Sarah S. (0,2); draft PHV and request for cert of good standing (2,0); attorney affidavits work
7/25/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	2.00	1,900.00	continued work on multiple affidavits
7/26/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	1.50	1,425.00	addl work on reviewing new time sheets; discuss PHV with George (0.2)
8/1/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	0.10	95.00	Azorsky aff edits
8/2/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	1.10	1,045.00	cont edits to Gary aff
8/7/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceeding	2.00	1,900.00	continued work to eliminate time from timesheets' reductions
8/8/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	0.10	95.00 Litigation Strates	ry emails tf George re: PHV and certif of good standing
8/8/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	1.40	1,330.00 Pleadings/Briefs/	Prinalize outline for brief, add new caselaw
8/9/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	5.60	5,320.00 Pleadings/Briefs/	Preview of mediation memo for info to include in brief (0.8); emails tf Gary, Lisa re: issues on brief and petition (0.4); legal research re: cases on contracts for inclusion (2.2); outlining and editing
8/10/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	5.70	5,415.00 Pleadings/Briefs/	Prwork on brief: emails to Sarah S re: Prep of PHV (0.5); hearing and post hearing call with counsel (0.4); work on PHV (1.3); multiple emails to Sarah se; judge and court letter; continue contract caselaw search and organizing (2.5)
8/11/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	2.40	2,280.00 Pleadings/Briefs/	Premails on new assignment judge (0.3): continue research, outlines and writing legal sections.
8/14/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	1.90	1,805.00	review new order in CD CA, continue edits to memo; re do TOC, pacer log in for entry of appearance
8/15/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	3.40	3,230.00 Document Review	writing and editing argument sections, inserts of new arguments
8/16/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	6.20	5,890.00	cont writing and editing argument section (2.6), attorneys fees emails of TAFnet, review and add info to arguments section, work on declarations
8/17/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	5.00		declarations, for Gary and Suzanne;
8/18/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	4.50	4,275.00 Pleadings/Briefs/	Pr work on TOC (0.7): review Ray's edits: additional info inserted in petition and rewrites in memo (2.4)
8/20/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	1.40		Prreview and edits from Ray's edits
8/21/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	5.20		Premails and calls with George re: word issues with brief (0.4); reviews to Azorsky dec, (0.5), Arrowood decl (0.4), call to Suzanne re: her dec (0.4); Durrell dec edits, Arrowood draft and edits (3.4)
8/22/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	3.30		Premails t/f Suzanne Durrell with additional documents (0.7); discuss briefing schedule with Gary A (0.2); Markey decl and Arrowood deel edits (1.6); discuss deel and edits with Suzanne D.
8/23/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	4.20		Premails t/f Suzanne re: addl info for Petition memo (0.2); add to Azorsky deel and edits to time chart in brief (0.6); edits to Durrell deel and discussions with Suzanne (1.3); review time entries for final redactions, discuss same with Gary (2.1)
8/24/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	4.40		Pradditions and edits to brief, send to Gary (1.0); call with Suzanne re her decl (0.2); Durrell final, create covers and apply to each document (0.8), Gary's revisions to all documents
8/25/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	6.50		Premails t/f Gary and Jeanne, edits to Poserina decl, send to Gary and Jeanne for review (0.9): emails to all re: brief edits, call with Gary; and edits to time entries (0.7): new time sheets entered, edits to TOA, discuss edits to word does with Georg
9/11/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Contact with Counsel	0.70		ty emails to and from Lisa, Gary and Sarah S re: local rules, responses, reply briefs, and docket entries
9/13/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Other Discovery	0.40	380.00	search for emails, for Gary and Lisa discussions; discuss same with Gary
9/20/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	0.60		y ECF filing of opposition brief received: call with Gary to discuss initial issues
9/21/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	6.00		Prreceive and review opp brief, and compare with our brief: (1.5); begin creation of outline to for reply brief, continue edits to outline, adding in addl info as needed; legal research (1.0)
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9/25/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	4.60		Prbegin draft of brief (3.3): caselaw research on block billing, travel time and other issues cited by Defendants (1.3)
9/26/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	4.20		PrWork on reply brief: finalize edits for submission to Gary and Ray (2.1); discuss strategy with Gary and send briefs (0.3); review edits by Gary and Ray, and add additional info (0.4); emails ref edits tff Gary discussion of edits and need for addl i
9/27/2023 Poserina, Regina	31710 Steward Qui Fee Appl. & Proceedin;	2.70	2,565.00 Document Review	r review exhibits for accuracy; edits to declaration (1.7); review exhibits and final brief edits with Gary, (0.3); review timesheets to ensure accuracy and attach to Ex. E
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159957 8/21/2023 WIP Revise declaration	TIME in support of fee request.	LARROWOOD General Zappala/qui tam	0.50 0.00	\$750.00 T	\$375.00
regarding entries or regarding attorneys attorneys' fees ent	TIME  erina responding to questions on fees; email to L. Arrowood s' fees; reviewed revisions to ries; revised L. Arrowood port of attorneys' fees.	SSOUSA General Zappala/qui tam	1.30 0.00	\$375.00 T	\$487.50
160548 8/22/2023 WIP Emails to L. Arrow declaration of L. A	TIME  rood and R. Poserina regarding rrowood.	SSOUSA General Zappala/qui tam	0.20 0.00	\$375.00 T	\$75.00
159945 8/23/2023 WIP Emails regarding re	TIME evised affidavit.	LARROWOOD General Zappala/qui tam	0.20 0.00	\$750.00 T	\$150.00
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160254 8/25/2023 WIP Work on attorneys	TIME  ' fee petition and brief and	LARROWOOD General Zappala/qui tam	1.10 0.00	\$750.00 T	\$825.00

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about tax reporting	TIME with O. Lanna with questions g and information needed, emails ording same, emails with C. Stitt	LARROWOOD General Zappala/qui tam	0.90 0.00	\$750.00 T	\$675.00
160602 8/29/2023 WIP Reviewed courtes judge's request.	TIME y copy to ensure compliance with	SSOUSA General Zappala/qui tam n	0.10 0.00	\$375.00 T	\$37.50
160556 9/11/2023 WIP Emails with team response.	TIME regarding timing of Steward	LARROWOOD General Zappala/qui tam	0.20 0.00	\$750.00 T	\$150.00
160669 9/12/2023 WIP Emails with Pose	TIME rina regarding Steward deadline.	LARROWOOD General Zappala/qui tam	0.10 0.00	\$750.00 T	\$75.00
160938 9/20/2023 WIP Quick review of St	TIME reward response to fee petition.	LARROWOOD General Zappala/qui tam	0.30 0.00	\$750.00 T	\$225.00
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